Officers on Deputation

816. DR Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officials who are on deputation to the United Nations and other World Organisations, separately; and

(b) the criteria for selection of such officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Under the existing Government policy, powers for grant of cadre clearance for foreign assignment have been delegated to the respective cadre controlling authorities. The Department of Personnel and Training do not, therefore, centrally monitor information regarding officers belonging to various organised services of the Government of India and the State Governments and Public Sector undertakings, who go on foreign assignment.

(b) Government and Public Sector employees may secure UN/International assignments in the following manner :-

i) Nomination by the Government;

ii) Direct offer from an International Organisation/ foreign government due to past work;

iii) application made in response to open advertisement following the prescribed procedure; and

iv) by being picked up from the roster of an international organisation.

While nominating officers under category (i) above, for "captive" posts, selection is made according to the procedure prescribed under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Government of India. The aspects kept in mind in making the choice include educational qualifications, service experience and special training required for effective discharge of the duties related to the job. For other posts in the United Nations and other International organisations, nominations are made by the Government keeping in view the nature and importance of the post, the expertise available and other related considerations, Broad-based selection procedures are adopted for identifying the best and most suitable candidate for nomination.

Conference on Agricultural and Rural Reforms

817. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recommendations made in the Conference on Agricultural and Rural Reforms held in Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, recently; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government does not ordinarily monitor, review or react on any conference or recommendation thereof until and unless the same is organised in collaboration or with financial assistance of the Government. The conference referred was neither held in collaboration, with participation nor with financial assistance of the Government nor even the recommendation has been sent by the organisers, and hence question of the Government's reaction in the whole matter does not arise at all.

Loan from World Bank

818. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the world Bank to sanction a loan of Rs.2,500/ - crores to solve the drinking water problem in the flouride-affected and brackish areas in the State;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has approached the Union Government and submitted a report to the Centre to forward it to the World Bank;

(c) if so, whether the Centre has examined the report and has forwarded it to the World Bank;

(d) the time by which the World Bank propose to provide the loan; and

(e) whether the State Government has also provided the second instalment for the schemes, such as JRY and RDB, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The project report has been received only on 25.2.1997. This has to be examined and posed to the World Bank for consideration. Its approval will depend on the Bank's appraisal of the project.

(e) Yes, Sir. The State has provided the second instalment for the Rural Development Schemes including JRY.

Poorest of the Poor

819. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to engage some community based organisations/NGOs to undertake house to house survey to find out the poorest of the poor;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise; and